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## REPORTERS TALK CHAMPAIGN KIDNAPPING

Eastern instructor Joe Astrouski and *News-Gazette* reporter Ben Zigterman will be giving a presentation in Dounda Fine Arts Center Wednesday night at 7 p.m. about the kidnapping of University of Illinois student Yingying Zhang.

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## OVC ALL TIED UP

The OVC women's basketball standings have three teams in a tie for first place. Tennessee-Martin, Southeast Missouri and Belmont make up the trio.

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## BSU hosts 'speak your piece' in Lumpkin Hall

By Allison Little  
Staff Reporter | @DEN\_news

The Black Student Union held an open discussion event called 'Speak Your Piece' in the Lumpkin Auditorium on Tuesday night.

The event was brought together by Brittany Britton, a junior sociology major, and she said the event was meant to bring something to students that is missing in everyday classes.

"I decided to do this event because I wanted it to be an open environment where people can speak and be heard and be listened to because sometimes when you're in class, you don't get that," Britton said. "Sometimes you say things and people don't listen."

Britton said that she thought the open style forum worked for the group.

"I think some people just came here to listen, but there was definitely a lot of good conversation going on so that was good," Britton said. "Sometimes it works well and sometimes it can get chaotic and sometimes people get off track. I think in this instance though, because the group was very small and there were a lot of intelligent people, who knew how to articulate themselves well so I think that this kind of forum worked well for this kind of group."

Asher Roper, a junior graphic design major, said this event was good for the community and a good way to learn from each other.

"I feel like this event was heavily needed for the black community also for any other diverse cultures out there who need to know more about us," Roper said. "I also feel that this was another way for us to get different perspective on our situation and how we stand in this country."

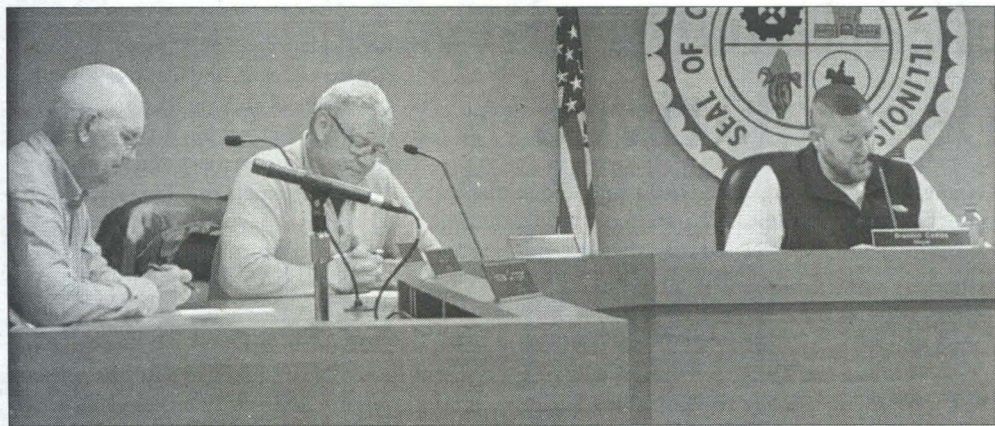
Britton said that her hopes for the event were for people to connect and learn from each other.

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Brittany Britton, a junior sociology major, discusses student's racial experiences on campus and in Charleston during the BSU event, "Speak Your Piece," in the Lumpkin Auditorium on Tuesday night. During the presentation, many students shared their experiences with racial discrimination and prejudice.



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Councilmen Tim Newell and Jeff Lahr, and mayor Brandon Combs approve the expenditure of tourism funds for the Midwest pickleball indoor championship.

## City Council allocates money to pickleball tournament

By Corryn Brock  
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The Charleston City Council unanimously approved a resolution to give \$2,400 in tourism funds to the Midwest Pickleball Indoor Championship.

The championship will be March 19, 20 and 21 at Eastern.

Those interested in the event must register before March 12 to compete and by March 1 if the participant is interested in a free t-shirt.

The council also approved a resolution that allowed the leasing of 30.2 acres of the city's land for growing crops to Gary Hinds for the cash rent of \$150/acre for the period of March 1, 2020, to December 31, 2022.

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## Student Senate to vote on study abroad club

By Jelan Buchanan  
Staff Reporter | @DEN\_news

Student Senate will vote on the creation of a Study Abroad Club at Wednesday's meeting in the Arcola/Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union at 7 p.m.

Student Body President Carson Gordon said before they were able to bring this new RSO to the attention of all the senators, vice president for student affairs Samira Abdoulaye-Pedila had to work with the student affairs committee to go through new RSO constitutions.

"Once they sort all that out and they have the constitutions, it gets sent out to everyone within student government before the meeting," Gordon said. "We have a chance to review the constitution and note any changes that need to be made."

Gordon said the senators will be able to ask any questions they have about the Study Abroad Club and discuss ideas of the RSO, and then vote on whether or not they approve of it.

Gordon is still in the works with the

Health Education Resource Center.

She said they have some projects coming up, but nothing has been finalized yet.

She also said they are in the process of trying to get other RSOs to have more people involved.

Student body election packets have been approved by Gordon and Election Commissioner Ethan Osborne, but it must go through another approval from adviser Ceci Brinker and graduate adviser Sophia Sarver.

Gordon said it will be about a week before Brinker and Sarver approve the packets, then they will be placed in the Student Activities Center for students to pick them up.

An application for student senators can be found online on the Senate's website under "applications."

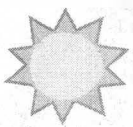
A note on the Senate website encouraged students to attend senate meetings and introduce themselves to the Senate and to speak to the speaker of the senate about becoming a senator.

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Wisconsin man kills girlfriend,  
two girls, burns bodies

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A Milwaukee man strangled his girlfriend then killed her two young daughters, kissing the girls and telling them their mother wanted them to be in heaven with her, prosecutors said Tuesday.

Arzel Ivery, 25, was charged in Milwaukee County with three counts of first-degree intentional homicide in the deaths of 26-year-old Amarah Banks, 5-year-old Zaniya Ivery and 4-year-old Camaria Banks. Police found their burned bodies in a Milwaukee garage on Sunday afternoon, about a week after Banks was reported missing.

Ivery told investigators that he killed his girlfriend and her daughters on Feb. 8 after a fight with Banks. He said she was upset over his decision to go to work as a security guard so soon after the Feb. 7 funeral of their 1-year-old son, Arzel Ivery Jr. Arzel had a history of asthma and died Jan. 24 from respiratory problems, according to autopsy reports.

Ivery said Banks yelled at him that he did not care about their son's death, then she picked up a knife and

said she did not want to live, according to the complaint. Ivery said Banks cut his left wrist. He then grabbed Banks, pushed her head into a wall twice and strangled her, according to the complaint.

"He stated that Ms. Banks was not fighting him, so he figured that she wanted to die. The Defendant claimed that he was helping her die," the complaint said.

Ivery said he then killed the children because he did not want them to live in a world without their mother, according to the complaint. He went into the children's bedroom, took Zaniya out of the room, kissed her and told her "Daddy loves you" and said her mother wanted her in heaven with her, the complaint said. He then strangled the girl, the complaint said.

Ivery then returned to the girls' bedroom, woke up Camaria, kissed her and told her her mother wanted her in heaven with her, then strangled the 4-year-old, according to the complaint.

"The Defendant stated that it was his family, that he brought his kids

into this world and that he can take them out if he wanted," the complaint said.

Ivery started dismembering his girlfriend's body using a steak knife but stopped after reaching a leg bone, the complaint said. He then drove to the garage of his former apartment building, dragged the bodies into a back corner and lit them on fire, according to the complaint. When the fire did not appear to be hot enough, Ivery threw gasoline onto the smoldering bodies, the complaint said.

He then went to Memphis, Tennessee, where his father lives and where he planned to start a new life, according to the complaint.

Ivery was being held Tuesday in Tennessee. Online court records in Wisconsin do not list an attorney who can comment on the allegations against him.

Relatives said they had not heard from Banks since early on Feb. 8, and police opened a missing persons investigation the next day. Authorities issued an Amber Alert for her and her daughters on Saturday.

Ohio man  
charged with  
mass shooting  
threat to Illinois  
town

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — An Ohio man has been charged with making an online threat to carry out a mass shooting in Illinois that set off a panic and caused schools in one village to cancel outdoor recess and add security, prosecutors said.

Ryan J. Gagnet, 22, of Maumee, is accused of making the threat on Feb. 4 while he was in an online chat where users can talk anonymously.

He told others in the chat that he was "going to be on the news" and "commit a mass shooting" in Shorewood, according to a complaint filed by prosecutors in U.S. District Court in Toledo.

Gagnet later told investigators that he wanted to see the other users' frightened reactions, prosecutors said.

He was arrested and made an initial court appearance last week on a charge of interstate communication of a threat to injure. A message seeking comment was left with his attorney.

The threat caused schools in Shorewood, Illinois, to cancel outdoor recess, hire extra security and go into lockdowns, prosecutors said.

Police in Shorewood, which is southwest of Chicago, said they were overwhelmed with calls from residents concerned about the threat. Some officers worked overtime, and assignments were changed to deal with the threat, prosecutors said.

Hundreds leave  
California  
military bases  
after quarantine

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — Nearly 350 Americans who fled the coronavirus zone in China completed a 14-day quarantine at California military bases and were cleared to go home Tuesday, officials announced.

A group of 180 people at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield and 166 others at the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar near San Diego were medically cleared to leave, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

Two other groups that arrived in government-chartered flights from virus-stricken areas of China are expected to be released from the military bases in California later this week.

Travis, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) north of San Francisco, is also housing about 170 cruise ship passengers who were flown to California Sunday from Japan. They are being housed away from those who arrived from China, officials said.

On Tuesday, shuttles were ferrying the evacuees from a hotel at Travis to the base's visitors center, where anxious relatives waited to take them home.

"I have no words to describe it. It was a really hard time," Abdullah Alamoudi said of waiting to reunite with his wife and two young daughters.

Alamoudi told KTVU-TV he was separated from his family in China after he went to Shanghai on a business trip and his wife and children went to visit family in Wuhan, the city in China that is the epicenter of the outbreak.

Tennessee democrats push to  
move up presidential primary

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee would be the first state in the nation to hold a presidential primary, freeing it from having to compete for attention on Super Tuesday, under a new bill.

Democratic state lawmakers touted the need for the change on Tuesday, arguing that the Volunteer State has a more diverse voter base than Iowa and New Hampshire — the first two states to kick off the presidential primaries every four years.

"We feel very strongly that Tennessee in many ways would better represent the nation as a whole demographically, and for other reasons would be an ideal place to hold

the first primary in the country," said state Rep. Jason Powell, a Democrat from Nashville.

According to the legislation, Tennessee's presidential primary would become the first in the nation by moving it from March 3 to Jan. 2, bypassing high-profile early voting states such as Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina.

Scrutiny over which state gets to host its presidential primary first has increased during the 2020 election as the Democratic Party's once robustly diverse field of potential challengers to Republican President Donald Trump has dwindled to four white front-runners.

Iowa and New Hampshire have state populations that are approximately 90% white. Tennessee is roughly 75% white. The United States is 60% white.

Powell said lawmakers specifically selected Jan. 2 because of a New Hampshire election law stipulating that its secretary of state must, if necessary, change the date of its primary to at least seven days before any similar election in other states.

That means New Hampshire would have to dip into 2023 if it wanted to host a primary election before Tennessee in the 2024 presidential race.

Mom, daughter plead not guilty  
to slaying five close relatives

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A mother and her adult daughter pleaded not guilty Tuesday to killing five of their close relatives, including three children, at an apartment outside Philadelphia.

Forty-six-year-old Shana Decree and her 20-year-old daughter Dominique Decree sat side by side in court in suburban Bucks County and affirmed their pleas to charges of first-degree murder and conspiracy.

The pair barely spoke, except to respond to the judge's questions about the charges and their pleas. At one point, sounds of crying emanated from the defendants' table, and Dominique wiped her eyes. Shana closed hers briefly as the judge read the names of the victims.

Authorities found the bodies of three children and two adults in what they said was a trashed apartment in early 2019 and soon after arrested Shana and Dominique Decree, charging them in the deaths. Authorities have said four of the victims were suf-

focated, while one was strangled.

Prosecutors confirmed Tuesday that they filed first-degree murder and conspiracy charges against the pair and have until March 20 to decide on seeking the death penalty. A trial is set for June 8.

What remains unclear is a motive.

Deputy District Attorney Christopher Rees said after Tuesday's hearing that he thinks it could become clearer during the proceedings.

"I feel like the questions are: Why did this happen? Why did this happen? Why did this happen? It's the same question I have because it does seem so hard to understand," he said. "It's such an unimaginable crime."

He is focused, he said, on being able to tell the victims' loved ones that "justice has been served."

Messages seeking comment on behalf of the defendants were left with their attorneys.

The victims were Shana's children, Naa'Irah Smith, 25, and Damon Decree Jr., 13, both of Morrisville; Sha-

na Decree's sister Jamilla Campbell, of Trenton, New Jersey; and Campbell's 9-year-old twin daughters, Imani and Erika Allen.

All five of them were found in a bedroom in the apartment in a three-story red brick complex in Morrisville, across the Delaware River from Trenton, New Jersey.

Smith, Damon Decree Jr. and the twins had been suffocated, the Bucks County coroner's office said in March. Campbell had been strangled, according to the coroner.

Authorities discovered the scene after a child welfare officer arrived for an unannounced visit and was let into the building by someone who works there, according to court papers.

Police say they found Shana and Dominique Decree "disoriented" inside the apartment, where furniture had been turned over, drywall was cracked and glass lay around. Police initially said they found four bodies, but they discovered a fifth underneath another that was next to a bed.



# Reporters to speak about Champaign kidnapping

By Brody Donsbach  
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Two reporters who covered the kidnapping case of University of Illinois student Yingying Zhang will be on campus to speak Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Doudna Fine Arts Center Lecture Hall.

Ben Zigterman, a reporter from The News-Gazette in Champaign did the main coverage of the 2017 kidnapping, he will be at Eastern to give his insight on the case.

Zigterman will also talk about how this high-profile case allowed him to gain experience for his career in journalism.

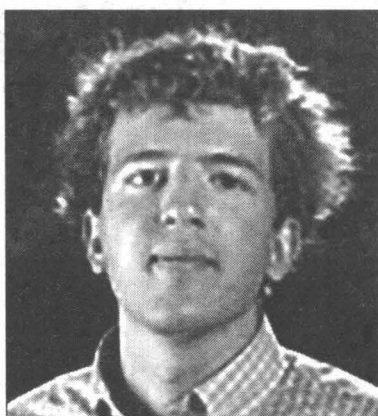
Joe Astrouski, a journalism instructor at Eastern and former WAND-TV reporter, will also discuss what he thought were interesting, challenging and powerful parts



Astrouski

of the case and how they helped develop him as a reporter.

Students are encouraged to attend the event to learn about the story itself, Astrouski said, but there are also ways that students in journalism,



Zigterman

communication studies and public relations can get a better insight on how this can relay into their careers.

"This is a chance for people who are interested in journalism to understand how a story like this is cov-

ered over years," Astrouski said. "It is also important for students that are involved in communications and public relations to understand how to work with the media in a high-profile case like that one."

Astrouski said he was excited to be able to talk about the specifics of the case.

"This was a very high-profile case that drew a lot of public interest, which is unusual for this region to have a case that is so high profile and to have such international effects," Astrouski said.

Students will have many ways to help gather ideas for their careers, as well as just hearing the insides of a long and winding story.

Astrouski said the entire reach of this story is so much more than the University of Illinois campus; it has tremendous effects with so many

people outside of Zhang and the convicted man.

"The international student community in Champaign got behind the family and helped them," Astrouski said. "Churches in the area helped to provide a funeral and the Chinese-American community in Chicago took care of this grieving family."

Astrouski said he is looking forward to speaking to everyone in attendance about the opportunity he had during his time as a reporter.

He said he is also very eager to have Zigterman on campus to speak about his experiences and help give Eastern students an opportunity to understand the full force of journalism in a case like this one.

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## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Illinoisans should pump own gas

Illinoisans should be allowed to pump their own gas, and we at *The Daily Eastern News* believe it will likely stay that way.

Illinois House Bill 4571 would enact that no gas may be pumped at a gas station unless it is pumped by an attendant employed at the gas station, which means people wouldn't be able to pump their own gas in Illinois anymore beginning Jan. 1, 2021.

This bill is still in its very early stages; it was filed on Feb. 5, and it's just now seeing the Rules Committee. It has many, many more steps to go through before it becomes an Illinois law.

While we at *The Daily Eastern News* could see the benefits of full-service gas stations in busier cities in Illinois like Chicago, we don't believe it would benefit the majority of Illinoisans as a whole.

People pump their own gas in Illinois, and it's something we've come to accept and never really think about.

In fact, there are only a few full-service gas stations in Chicago. In rural, less-populated areas in Illinois, they're even more rare.

We could see the proposed bill benefiting busy cities because there are more customers.

Requiring gas attendants to pump the gas for gas stations that see customers all day, every day might make the process go smoother and quicker.

If approved, the proposed bill could also create more jobs for people.

Additionally, gas stations might also have their attendants perform checks on the car, which would definitely improve the overall quality of customers' visits (even though it would also take up more time).

But we also predict an increase in gas prices if this bill becomes law. This is additional labor, which needs to be accounted for somehow. Raising gas prices to keep up with the increased costs associated with the bill is certainly a possibility.

Gas stations would also likely need to consider tighter security to protect the gas attendants while they're out on the job. This would require the employment of even more gas attendants.

This law would cost money for both gas stations and customers.

Moreover, it would inevitably cost everyone time.

Requiring gas attendants to pump gas is always going to take up the customers' time. This is just annoying and unnecessary.

People pump their own gas, take up their own time and care for their own cars. Why change that?

In summary, don't fix something that isn't broken.

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## Prepare yourself...



Zach Berger

# IM referees need to step things up

The refereeing of Eastern's intramural basketball games needs to be better.

I would really like to extend an invitation to all those who complain about NBA referees making bad calls to watch an Eastern intramural basketball game.

And before you start thinking, "Oh, this is just some college kid blaming referees for losing, get over it," I am not blaming referees for a loss.

Monday night, my team got beat. Period.

I came out slow, I missed open shots and turned the ball over. We missed shots as a team and had bad stretches within the game.

I own up to that, but what I will not own up to is the four fouls I was called for. I also would like to point out that the other team was awarded nearly 20 free throws in the game, while my team did not get a single one.

Not one free throw.

We drove to the basket, we got fouled on shots and we got hacked while trying to rebound the ball. I distinctly remember, in the second half, grabbing a rebound and getting elbowed in the lip, which caused



DILLAN SCHORFHEIDE

my gum to bleed.

But when I deflect a pass, before the intended recipient gets to it and runs into me, I get called for the foul? I cannot support that kind of officiating.

I have bit my tongue during my four years at Eastern over officiating, but this is just ridiculous. I understand students are not always experienced with officiating, but they do get trained on how to referee games and get paid to officiate games.

Eastern students who play in games need to be

able to submit reviews on the referees, and no that is not harsh, that is life.

Not once Monday, when my teammates or I asked for an explanation for a foul call, did we get one.

There is a reason when I talk to other Eastern students, when talking about intramural basketball, the one surefire thing always brought up is bad officiating.

It ruins the experience.

In my entire playing career, especially once I started playing in high school, I never averaged more than two fouls per game, and that is with very experienced and well-trained IHSA referees making the calls.

But I get here and average nearly four fouls a game? Anyone with basketball common sense could tell you my fouls (one foul I will accept) Monday were not fouls.

Period.

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# 'Horse Girl' good in theory, bad in practice

Watching Netflix's "Horse Girl" feels like being in a frequent state of confusion, getting annoyed that you can't make sense of the craziness happening on screen and eventually giving up trying to understand what the hell is going on.

In "Horse Girl," dreams are hard to distinguish from reality. They both blend in together through a series of mostly effective, but confusing, dreams.

Alison Brie plays a craft store saleswoman named Sarah who lies about her interest in hobbies like "Zumba" to build a façade of normalcy to gamer the acceptance of the people she interacts with at work.

The times Sarah is happiest is when she's with her old horse Willow, now belonging to a protective rider who allows her to visit on occasions.

Sarah has thoughts of the paranormal and clones, often comparing herself to her dead grandmother whom she bears a stark resemblance to.

Sarah's compulsive ideas of the paranormal and cloning evolves into a strong belief that she is actually a clone of her grandmother.

The rest of the film takes viewers through her complex lucid dreams, which lead her to sleepwalk to different destinations as she confuses reality with fantasy.

"Horse Girl" scores high on a number of essential movie must-haves; its haunting and eclectic score matches the dark tone of the film, the cinematography grips viewers' attentions and the acting is entertaining and believable, especially thanks to Brie's sincere performance.

While the film succeeds in many regards, it does sometimes fail to progress its story because of its over-charged and confusingly framed dreams.



LOGAN RASCHKE

The dreams in the film are necessary because they both provide auditory and visual explanations for Sarah drifting from reality into her lucid dreams, and returning back to reality doubting what was real and what wasn't.

An extremely high positive to these dreams has to be the cooperativeness of the soundtrack with the sometimes distorted and disturbing visuals.

The music during these dream sequences is very alien in itself, emphasizing unsettling combinations of pitches and sounds into a composition that is technological and bold.

The problem many of Sarah's dream scenes have has to do with legitimacy and understandability.

Sarah sleepwalks during these dreams; one of the places a dream leads her is a phone booth in a completely random area. Where is this area? Why would she sleepwalk there? We don't know, and the movie never explains. She just returns home late at night, annoying her roommate.

Before this, she has an episode where she either

falls asleep or loses time while she's on the road in her car and stopped at a stoplight. Imagery of drains flood the screen, and she somehow ends up back in her home. How Sarah gets from point A to point B should make at least some sense or be explained later in the film.

People may make the argument that these dream scenes were meant to appear like she's being transported by some external force rather than actually walking to the places herself. That would make sense, after all, given her growing paranormal anxiety.

But viewers are led to believe that Sarah's alien complex is derivative of her declining mental health rather than a plausible reality. So when she sleepwalks from one place to another for no reason and without explanation, it conflicts with viewers' perception in a bad way.

The film's shallow, easy ending is also a slap in the face. A compelling, somber performance by Brie concluding an underlying theme of the flaws that exist within America's mental health institutions would've been welcome and preferred. Instead, the final climax is empty, easy and cliché. It leaves that all-too-familiar "Was that seriously it?" feeling.

Altogether, "Horse Girl" is an interesting, yet often poorly executed psychological drama that explores an extremely complicated issue: declining mental health in a demanding, impatient and judgmental society. Unfortunately, it falls short of being great because of its confusing dream sequences and lackluster ending.

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The First Christian Church of Charleston will be paid their portion of the rent for the remaining 4.2 acres by the city from the money it receives from Hinds.

The annual rent will total \$5,160.

The Council also approved a bid for Public Works uniform rentals that was made by Cintas Corporation of Terre Haute, Indiana.

The contract will last three years and will cost the city \$497.80 weekly, totaling \$77,656.80 for the entirety of the contract.

During the meeting Mayor Brandon Combs said the expense is expected to be less than listed based on how much the city utilizes Cintas Corporation's services.

Two other bids were received for the contract, but the bid specifications were not met by the other two companies.

The following announcements were made at the meeting:

- Mayor's reappointment of Erin Blitz, Guiliana Dongu and Glena Starkey to three-year terms on the Charleston Historic Preservation Commission

- Mayor's reappointment of Don Schaefer to a five-year term on the Airport Authority Board

- Mayor's appointment of Carl Wolff to a three-year term on the Fire and Police Board of Commissioners

Sandra Watson, of Charleston, spoke to the council on concerns about the noise level in her neighborhood from her neighbor's vehicles.

Watson said that police have been to her residence and spoke to neighbors

she says are to blame for the noise, but nothing was done.

Watson did not ask the city for anything to be done by the council other than them hearing her concerns.

Charleston city code says: "it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle which shall not at all times be equipped with a muffler upon the exhaust thereof in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise, and it shall be unlawful for any person operating any motor vehicle to use a cutout, bypass or similar muffler elimination appliance," in regards to noise from exhaust pipes.

The city council will meet next on March 3 at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall.

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"My hope is that someone, or everyone took at least one thing away from this even if it's just to listen to other people," Britton said. "Even if it's just to feel that your thoughts are in solidarity with someone else, because your thoughts or sentiments are the same as someone else's."


Roper said that the event was important to his own activism.

"I would just like to say that it was also important for me because I'm a huge advocate for my people to exceed, and I completely understand that we are being held back systematically and sometimes even being held back in our own communities," Roper said. "And I know that I have that power within me to make that change and even just to inspire others to not be afraid to sacrifice your time and just do anything to stand up."

Roper also said that the people at the event brought up a lot of great resources for the black community.

"I believe that we have access to resources that we can make these changes and I'm happy that some of these other people brought some of these resources to light and you never know that article you might read," Roper said. "Or that book you might read or that interview you see that could be the answer to the problems and could help you make that difference or just be the spark to ignite that flame that you have."

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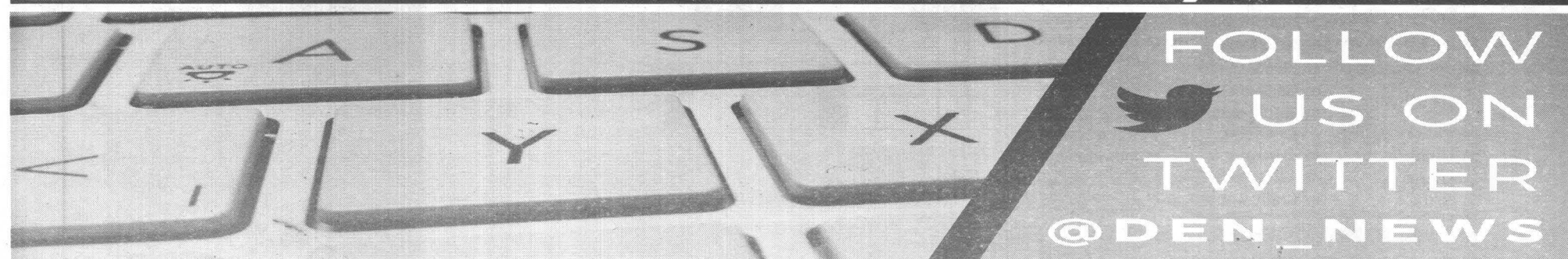
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# Raising money



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Zak Wagner, a freshman music education major, and Sam Ratliff, a sophomore majoring in chemistry, try to get students to donate to their fraternity Phi Mu Alpha in the Doudna Fine Arts Center on Tuesday afternoon. Those donating can place money in a jar next to a Phi Mu Alpha member's name, and whoever has the most money next to their name will get a pie in the face. Funds will go to fraternity activities.

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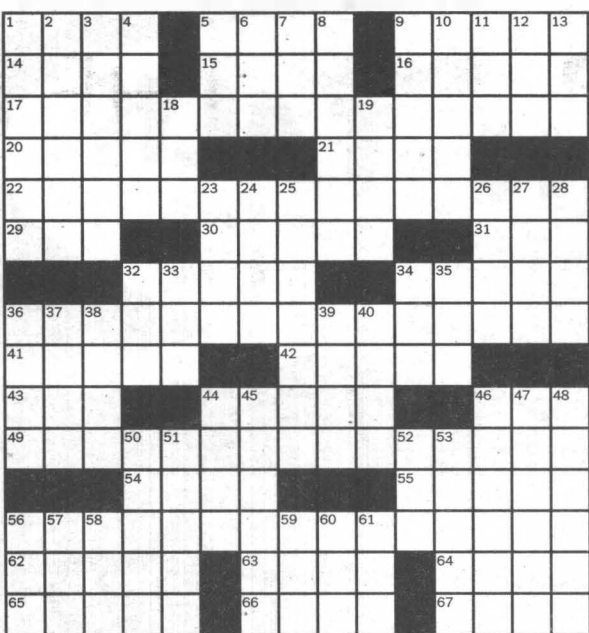
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### ACROSS

- 1 Mary Stuart, for one
- 5 Taiwan-based computer giant
- 9 Secretly watched
- 14 Tea made with milk, sugar and cardamom
- 15 Rob of "Parks and Recreation"
- 16 Attacked with a spray
- 17 Engaged in foul play
- 20 Burnt \_\_\_\_ (old Crayola color)
- 21 Some batteries
- 22 One engaged in friendly contention
- 29 Lith., e.g., once
- 30 Hands (out)
- 31 2020, por ejemplo
- 32 "\_\_\_\_ che macchiavi quell'anima" (aria opener)
- 34 Invalidate
- 36 "Oh, now they're really going to fight!"
- 41 Puts up on a gallery wall
- 42 Colorful spring flower
- 43 A.B.A. member: Abbr.
- 44 Stand in a mall
- 46 HBO competitor
- 49 Cry "Uncle!"
- 54 Veg out
- 55 \_\_\_\_ Gay (historic plane)
- 56 Hold back
- 62 Elude
- 63 Gangster
- 64 Turnabouts, informally
- 65 Evasive
- 66 Actor Rogen
- 67 Crafty website

### DOWN

- 1 Straight downhill ski run
- 2 Some early "astronauts"
- 3 Granola treat
- 4 River of Tuscany
- 5 Nothing but
- 6 Corp. manager
- 7 "Oh, gross!"
- 8 Do over for radio, say
- 9 \_\_\_\_ campaign
- 10 Colt 45 brewer
- 11 Knock off
- 12 What has a long history in ichthyology?
- 13 E.P.A.-banned pesticide
- 18 Slip up
- 19 Nine-time P.G.A. Tour winner Jay
- 23 Individual: Prefix
- 24 Timeout alternative
- 25 Receptacle for one doing decoupage
- 26 Smaller than micro-
- 27 Ample, informally
- 28 Deeply massage
- 32 Meringue ingredient
- 33 "Kidnapped" author's monogram
- 34 "\_\_\_\_ gratia artis"
- 35 Napoleon's marshal



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- 36 "Take \_\_\_\_!"
- 37 Possesses, biblically
- 38 \_\_\_\_'acte
- 39 Pageant wear
- 40 Tennis great Huber
- 44 Drying oven
- 45 Coves
- 46 Like a really good game for a pitcher, say
- 47 Brawls
- 48 Stylish and sophisticated
- 50 Skateboarding jump
- 51 Forested
- 52 Full complement of limbs on a squid
- 53 Exactly as scheduled
- 56 Lead-in to Man or 12
- 57 School founded by Thos. Jefferson
- 58 Make a record of
- 59 Gender-neutral pronoun spelled with a slash between the first and second letters
- 60 Wager
- 61 "Yuck!"

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	GRUMPY	CAT
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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | ANALYSIS

# Panthers beating up on lower-ranked teams

By Adam Tumino

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With just four games remaining in what has been a resurgent season, the fifth-place Eastern women's basketball team may still be a step behind the four top teams in the OVC.

Against those four teams, the Panthers are just 1-4 on the season, allowing 75.8 points per game and only scoring 62 points per game.

But it is against the conference's seven other teams where Eastern has truly shown its potential. Against teams below them in the standings, the Panthers are 8-1.

The defense has been much more effective in those games, allowing just 58.7 points per game. The offense also excels against lower teams, averaging 73.3 points per game. Were that the Panthers' season average, it would be the second highest-scoring offense in the conference, just 0.9 points per game behind Southeast Missouri.

An average margin of defeat of 13.8 points per game against the conference's top teams is not as close as the team would surely prefer, but beating the teams they should beat by an average of 14.6 points per game is a positive sign.

But those numbers may also be a little misleading as a result of a relatively small sample size.

Two of the Panthers' losses against the top-four teams both came by 24 points, on Jan. 24 at Belmont and their last game on Feb. 15 at Tennessee-Martin.

In the other three games, Eastern is averaging 67 points per game and allowing 74 for a margin of defeat of just seven points per game. Those three games also came in a row against Tennessee Tech, Tennessee-



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Martin and Southeast Missouri with the win coming against Tennessee-Martin.

Additionally, Eastern's lone loss against teams below them in the standings was a 92-87 overtime loss to Murray State in the next game after that challenging three-game stretch.

The Panthers responded to that

tough loss by beating Austin Peay by 29 points and Eastern Kentucky by a whopping 47 in their next two games.

All season long the Panthers have shown that they are separating themselves from the pack in the OVC, which is impressive considering they finished in 10th place last season and in last place for three-straight seasons

prior to that.

If the trend continues into the Panthers' final four games, they will go 3-1 and finish with a conference record of 12-6 on the season. It would be their highest conference win total since the 2012-13 season, when they went 12-4 and the OVC was still separated into East and West divisions.

Although the gap may still exist

between Eastern and the OVC's top teams, that gap is closing fast.

And considering that Eastern was picked to finish in 10th place this season in a preseason OVC coaches' poll, it is closing faster than the rest of the conference anticipated.

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Let's try and breakdown what those three teams have done to one another this season... try and keep up.

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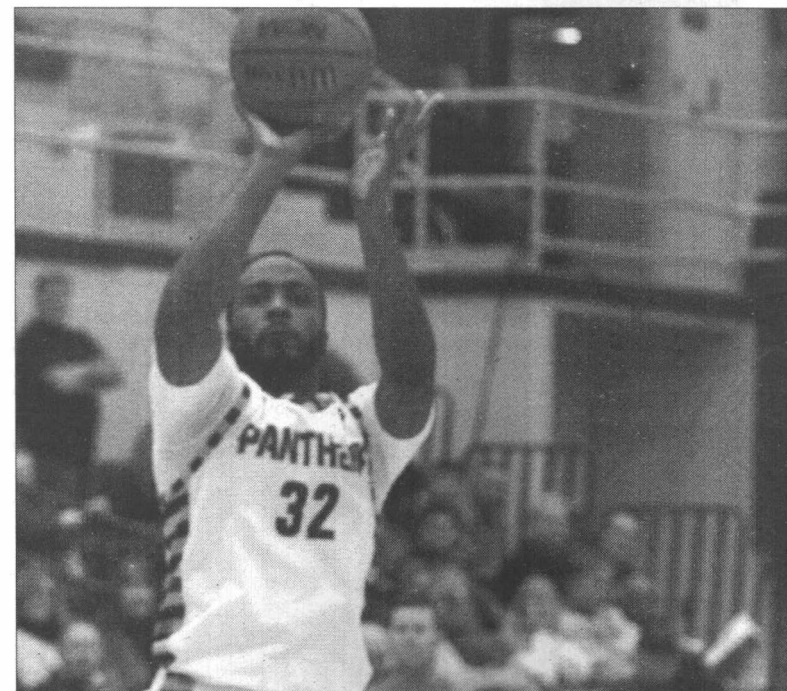
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